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BIODEGRADABLE BAG
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert:

--This application is a 371 application of PCT/JP00/07399 filed October 23, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The biodegradable bag as claimed in claim 1 wherein said aliphatic polyester is a copolymer of which the major components are 1,4-butanediol, succinic acid, and adipic acid.